



NAVY MEDICINE READINESS & TRAINING COMMAND FORT BELVOIR

Assumption of Command Ceremony



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PRESIDING OFFICER

Rear Admiral Bruce L. Gillingham
Surgeon General of the United States Navy

Rear Admiral Bruce L. Gillingham is a native of San Diego. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology (with high honors) from the University of California, San Diego and a Doctor of Medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is an inductee in the medical honor society of Alpha Omega Alpha.

Gillingham completed a surgical internship and an orthopedic residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego. He also completed subspecialty training as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada in 1995. He qualified as an undersea and diving medical officer.

He has served in various positions throughout Navy Medicine to include director of Pediatric Orthopedic and Scoliosis Surgery; Associate Orthopedic Residency Program director; and director of Surgical Services. While assigned to Naval Medical Center San Diego, he was instrumental in establishing the Comprehensive Combat and Complex Casualty Care Center (C5).

Operationally, he served aboard the hospital ship USNS Mercy as staff orthopedic surgeon and as director of surgical services. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II as battalion chief of Professional Services (Forward) for the 1st Force Service Support Group and officer in charge of the Surgical Shock Trauma Platoon, achieving a 98 percent combat casualty survival rate while providing echelon II surgical care during Operation Phantom Fury.

Rear Adm. Gillingham also served as deputy chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Readiness & Health; commander, Navy Medicine West; commander, Naval Medical Center San Diego, California; deputy commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia; commanding officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Florida; Pacific Fleet surgeon, and Fleet surgeon and director, Health Services, U.S. Fleet Forces. While in the Pacific, he led efforts to assist the Vietnam People's Navy in creating an Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical program, and in the re-location of Navy Medical Research Unit-2 to Singapore. In 2011, he served as the Joint Support Force-Japan Surgeon in the aftermath of the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster, ensuring the safety of more than 200,000 U.S. citizens, service members and families.

He is a diplomat of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, and the American Orthopedic Association and a member of the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America, American College of Physician Executives, Society of Military Orthopedic Surgeons and Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. He has published more than 30 scientific articles and book chapters. In his previous assignment, he served as the director, Medical Resources, Plans and Policy (N0931), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Rear Adm. Gillingham currently serves as Surgeon General of the Navy, N093/chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.





REAR ADMIRAL DARIN VIA

Commander
Naval Medical Forces Atlantic

Rear Admiral Darin K. Via is a native of Illinois. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Millikin University. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy Reserve in 1985 as a Hospital Corpsman. In 1987 he entered active duty as an Ensign at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Science, where he earned a Doctor of Medicine in 1991. Via completed a Master of Health Care Delivery Science from Dartmouth College in 2014.

Rear Adm. Via's professional training includes a transitional internship and anesthesiology residency at the National Naval Medical Center and a trauma anesthesia fellowship at the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, University of Maryland. He is qualified as an Undersea And Diving Medical Officer.

He has served in various positions throughout Navy Medicine to include staff anesthesiologist, National Naval Medical Center and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP); vice chairman, Uniformed Services University; Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, NMCP; Operative Support Service Line Leader, NMCP; director for Surgical Services, NMCP; deputy commander, NMCP; and commanding officer, NMCP.

Operationally, he served as department head, Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit Two; command surgeon, Combat Support Squadron Eight; department head USNS Comfort (TAH-20) during Operation Noble Eagle; department head, Fleet Hospital Three, 1st Force Service Support Group (1st FSSG), Camp Viper, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and commanding officer, NATO Role Three, Multi-national Medical Unit and Commander, Task Force Medical South, Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. Via also served as the command surgeon, U.S. Pacific Fleet, where he directed and oversaw all Force Health Protection, warfighter mission medical readiness, and strategic medical efforts in the Pacific.

Rear Adm. Via was selected the first Navy medical officer to serve as U.S. Central Command surgeon responsible for all Health Services Support in theater as the sole advisor to the Commander on all medical matters in the most kinetic combatant command.

His Flag Tours include serving as deputy chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for Operations, Plans and Readiness and he was appointed as the first medical flag officer to stand up Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) N44 as the single resource sponsor for expeditionary medical capabilities. He currently serves as commander, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic and as the senior market manager of the Tidewater Military Health System.

Rear Adm. Via's professional activities include being a certified physician executive and associate professor, Uniformed Services University. He has prior service as an American Board of Anesthesiology Oral Board examiner and has held numerous leadership positions within the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the Uniformed Services Society of Anesthesiologists.

CAPTAIN MELISSA C. AUSTIN

Incoming Commanding Officer

Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Fort Belvoir

Captain Melissa C. Austin received her initial commission from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Vanderbilt University in 1996. She was designated a Surface Warfare Officer in 1998.

Capt. Austin completed her first sea tour aboard USS Sacramento (AOE 1) as the Assistant First Lieutenant and Main Propulsion Officer and deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch. She then served as the commissioning Training Department Officer aboard USS O'Kane (DDG 77). She completed a shore tour as a Tri-Command Protocol Officer at HQ NORAD, United States Space Command, and Air Force Space Command, before transitioning to the Selected Reserves and serving as the Training Officer for Commander, Naval Forces Europe Joint Task Force Contingency Unit 118 in anticipation of starting medical school. During this time, she earned a Master's of Basic Science in Biology (Bioinformatics) from the University of Colorado.

She attended medical school under the Health Professions Scholarship Program at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She received her Doctor of Medicine degree and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps in 2007. After completing a Transitional Internship at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, she returned to the surface Navy as the Group Medical Officer for Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 in Pearl Harbor.

Capt. Austin completed her residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at the University of Washington Medical Center under the Navy Active Duty Delay for Specialists program prior to being assigned as a Staff Pathologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, in 2014. She went on to serve as the Medical Director for Healthcare Operations and the Executive Assistant to the Director in addition to duties as the Medical Director for Clinical Chemistry and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center and as an Associate Program Director for the National Capital Consortium Pathology Residency Program. Transferring to Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Virginia, she served as the Director for Clinical Support Services and the Market Service Lead for Clinical Support Services for the National Capital Region through July of 2018. She went on to serve as the Medical Corps Plans and Policy Officer in the Office of the Chief of the Medical Corps at the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Falls Church, Virginia from July of 2018 until May of 2020. Most recently, she served as the Executive Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Portsmouth; Deputy Director, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth; and Commanding Officer, Expeditionary Medical Facility Juliet.

She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology and is Board Certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. She is an Aresty Scholar and graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business Executive Physician Leadership Academy and holds a faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor of Pathology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland. Her personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Capt. Austin assumes her current duties as the commissioning Commanding Officer of Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia in March of 2022.





CAPTAIN EVA S. DOMOTORFFY

Outgoing Commanding Officer
Fort Belvoir Community Hospital

Captain Eva Domotorffy attended the University of Pennsylvania on a U.S. Navy ROTC scholarship, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She was commissioned as a Nurse Corps Ensign in May 1995 and reported to Naval Medical Center San Diego, where she worked as a clinical staff nurse for four years.

As a new lieutenant, she was selected for medical programs recruiting duty at Naval Recruiting District New York. During this assignment, she earned a Masters Degree in Advanced Practice Pediatric Nursing from New York University, and recognition as the Division of Nursing Distinguished Graduate Student in 2002. This assignment was followed by a tour at Naval Health Clinic Annapolis, MD working in a variety of ambulatory care clinical and leadership roles, culminating as clinic manager of the integrated primary care center. In 2006, she reported to U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy as Community Health Department Head at Branch Health Clinic Capodichino, overseeing clinical support services, health promotion and medical readiness. Selected for Duty Under Instruction (DUINS), she attended The George Washington University, earning a Masters in Public Health in Community Oriented Primary Care and a certificate in Health Policy in May 2011.

During the next assignment at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Capt. Domotorffy played an integral role in expanding inpatient maternal-infant services and establishing the Special Care Nursery unit at the new joint service hospital. She was awarded the Geraldine Posner Award for Nursing Excellence in 2013. She then transferred to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Healthcare Operations (M3), where she served as Branch Head for Women's Health, developing and coordinating women's health policy and programs. She deployed on the USNS Mercy for Pacific Partnership 2015 as nurse planner for the Advanced Echelon Medical Team. Capt. Domotorffy was selected as a Senior Nurse Executive and served in this role and as Director, Healthcare Business at Naval Health Clinic Annapolis, MD from 2017-2020.

She is currently assigned to Fort Belvoir Community Hospital where she serves Director, Education, Training and Research as well as the Officer in Charge of the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit. She maintains board certification and credentials as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Capt. Domotorffy's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Joint Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards) and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards).

MASTER CHIEF JOSEPH D. RAWSON

Command Master Chief

Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Fort Belvoir

Master Chief Rawson was born in Philadelphia, Pa. He joined the Navy in May, 1997, reporting to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill., in July 1997. Following Basic Training he attended Naval Hospital Corpsman "A" School in Great Lakes, Ill., and Field Medical Service School, Camp Johnson, NC.

Master Chief Rawson's initial tour was aboard Naval Hospital Naples, Italy, where he served in the Emergency Room, Operations Management Department, and the Staff Education and Training Department. Upon completion of this tour in 2000, he reported to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., as the Resuscitative Medicine Program Manager in the Staff Education and Training Department. During this tour, he was the Communications Officer as part of the disaster response team responding to the 9/11 attacks on the Pentagon. In 2003, Master Chief Rawson reported to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, where he was augmented as the Battalion Aid Station Assistant Leading Petty Officer of Second Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Advanced to Petty Officer First Class in 2008, he reported to 2d Medical Battalion, and assigned to the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit, supporting a deployment to 5th Fleet area of operation, and OPERATION UNIFIED RESPONSE in Haiti.

In 2011, he was assigned to Navy Recruiting District Philadelphia, Pa., as a Medical Officer Recruiter, where he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer. During this tour, Master Chief Rawson was selected as the 2013 National Medical Officer Recruiter of the Year.

Master Chief Rawson was assigned to Second Marine Division, and advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer in 2014. He has been assigned as the Senior Enlisted Leader of the "Arm of Decision" 10th Marine Regiment and to the "Fightin' Sixth" 6th Marine Regiment. He completed a successful deployment as the Navy Senior Enlisted Leader for Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force, Crisis Response Africa 15.2.

Following his successful tour at Division, Master Chief Rawson was selected to fulfill the Deputy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Officer position for Navy Medicine, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Falls Church, Va. During his tenure, he was selected for promotion to the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer in 2019.

He is assigned as the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Senior Enlisted Leader and currently serves as Deputy Senior Enlisted Advisor at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Belvoir Hospital is a 120-bed, 1.3 million-square-foot military community hospital that serves a regional population of 250,000 personnel with over 100,000 enrollees receiving inpatient and specialty care services supported by 55 specialty clinics, a Warrior Pavilion (for combat injured/wounded/ill), Inpatient Addictions Program, DiLorenzo Pentagon Health Clinic, and two satellite family health centers at Dumfries and Fairfax, Va.

Master Chief Rawson is a graduate of the United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 179) (Green) and was awarded the Peter Tomich Leadership Award. He is also a graduate of the Command Master Chief Course (Class 153) in Newport, R.I. He possess a Bachelor of Science in Business from Southern New Hampshire University, Class of 2018.

His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4 awards), and various other personnel and unit awards.

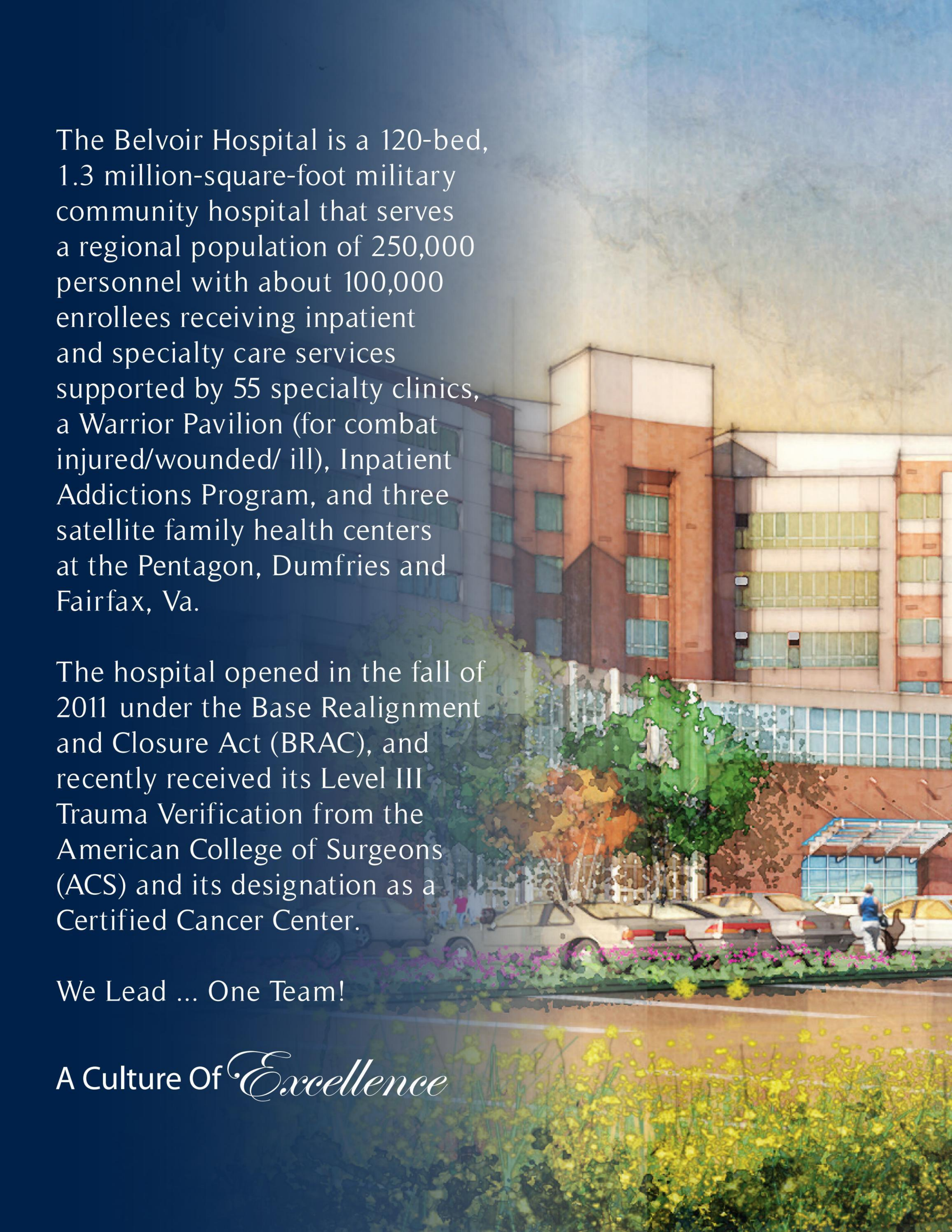


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The hospital opened in the fall of 2011 under the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC), and recently received its Level III Trauma Verification from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and its designation as a Certified Cancer Center.

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PLANK OWNER TRADITION

A plank owner (also sometimes referred to as a plank holder) is an individual who was a member of the crew of a United States Navy ship or United States Coast Guard Cutter when that ship was placed in commission. Originally, this term applied only to crew members that were present at the ship's first commissioning.

Today, however, plank owner is often applied to members of newly commissioned units, new military bases and recommissioning crews as well.

ARMED SERVICES

Medley

Semper Paratus



So here's the Coast Guard marching song,
We sing on land or sea.
Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our fame, our glory too.
To fight to save or fight to die,
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you!

The Air Force Song



Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun!
(Give 'er the gun now!)

Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Anchors Aweigh

Anchors Aweigh, my boys,
Anchors Aweigh.
Farewell to foreign shores,
We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.
Through our last night ashore,
Drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more.
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.



The Marines' Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
of United States Marine.



The Army Goes Rolling Along

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.





"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction:

'I served in the United States Navy.'"

-President John F. Kennedy